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1. A clean version of replacement paragraphs and claims, as follows:
  - Replacement Paragraphs on Pages 8, 11, 13, 16, and 18
  - Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7;
2. Appropriate Remarks; and
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